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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 8.3% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 18 -- Airline passenger traffic in May rose 8.3 percent, compared with May a year ago, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in May was up 7.1 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.4 percent, and load factor was 58.2 percent, compared to 58 percent a year ago.

International passenger traffic in May registered a gain of 13.9 percent. Available seat miles were up 2.7 percent, and load factor increased from 59.8 percent to 66.4 percent.

Systemwide passenger traffic in the first five months of this year increased 2.4 percent. Available seat miles were up 9.7 percent, and the load factor declined from 60.7 percent last year to 56.7 percent this year.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first five months of this year rose 0.3 percent. Available seat miles were up 9.6 percent, and the load factor fell from 61.0 percent to 55.9 percent.

International passenger traffic in the first five months of the year was up 14.1 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 10.3 percent, and the load factor increased from 59.1 percent to 60.2 percent.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MAY 1984 - 1983

		MAY					YEAR TO DATE				
DOMESTIC	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	PCT	ASM'S (000)	PCT	LOAD FACTOR	RPM'S (000)	PCT	ASM'S (000)	PCT	LOAD FACTOR
MAJORS	84	15,564,398	4.7	26,642,522	4.7	58.4	74,406,866	-1.6	132,589,356	7.7	56.1
	83	14,865,841		25,446,084		58.4	75,620,538		123,068,325		61.4
NATIONALS	84	2,178,038	28.0	3,927,613	30.5	55.5	9,668,579	18.0	17,916,243	25.2	54.0
	83	1,701,288		3,010,021		56.5	8,195,337		14,312,103		57.3
TOTAL	84	17,742,436	7.1	30,570,135	7.4	58.0	84,075,445	0.3	150,505,599	9.6	55.9
	83	16,567,129		28,456,105		58.2	83,815,875		137,380,428		61.0
INTERNATIONAL											
MAJORS	84	3,940,623	14.1	5,943,785	3.0	66.3	16,180,376	14.2	26,553,358	10.2	60.9
	83	3,453,988		5,768,473		59.9	14,171,802		24,103,418		58.8
NATIONALS	84	137,121	8.6	201,377	-6.2	68.1	673,320	13.2	987,394	14.0	68.2
	83	126,239		214,600		58.8	594,638		866,010		68.7
TOTAL	84	4,077,744	13.9	6,145,162	2.7	66.4	16,853,696	14.1	27,540,752	10.3	61.2
	83	3,580,227		5,983,073		59.8	14,766,440		24,969,428		59.1
SYSTEM TOTAL											
MAJORS	84	19,505,021	6.5	32,586,307	4.4	59.9	90,587,242	0.9	159,142,714	8.1	56.9
	83	18,319,829		31,214,557		58.7	89,792,340		147,171,743		61.0
NATIONALS	84	2,315,159	26.7	4,128,990	28.0	56.1	10,341,899	17.7	18,903,637	24.5	54.7
	83	1,827,527		3,224,621		56.7	8,789,975		15,178,113		57.9
TOTAL	84	21,820,180	8.3	36,715,297	6.6	59.4	100,929,141	2.4	178,046,351	9.7	56.7
	83	20,147,356		34,439,178		58.5	98,582,315		162,349,856		60.7

NOTES:
(1) CARRIERS INCLUDED: MAJORS - AMERICAN, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR AND WESTERN.

NATIONALS - AIRCAL, AIR FLORIDA, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, CAPITOL, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK, PIEDMONT AND PSA.

(2) CONTINENTAL DATA AND NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL DATA ARE NOT INCLUDED. BRANIFF DATA INCLUDED IN NATIONAL CATEGORY.